The Member said that his first request was that the place called *Thottumukam* where the Kayankulam canal joined the Kayankulam lake was shallow and that on account of want of sufficient depth steam launches and motor boats could not be taken to the canal. *Thottumukam* should be deepened. Secondly, the Member represented that great difficulties were being experienced by the merchants on account of the want of a boat basin in the canal. It had already been sanctioned; the work should, therefore, be taken up soon and finished. Thirdly, the cutting of a canal from the Govindamuttam *kayal*—about 1/2 a mile long—to the Kayankulam lake was highly necessary in the interests of trade. By so doing a distance of 7 miles could be saved for boat traffic and accidents which often took place near the Kayankulam bar could also be avoided. Lastly, the Member requested that the Kayankulam market road—2½ miles long—might be metalled and drains constructed on the two sides.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

74. Present condition of the roads and canals in the Kartigapalli taluk and certain suggestions for improving the same.

Mr. K. Velayudhan Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Haripad) urged the necessity for the improvement of the following roads :—

(1) From Nangiarkulangara to Kayankulam—a distance of 6 miles.

(2) From Haripad to Thottappalli, a distance of 5 miles.

(3) From Kartigappalli to Thrikunnapuzha.

The improvement of the following canals was also advocated :—

(1) The Mundattunkara *thodu*.

(2) The Tana *thodu*.

Both the canals had been encroached upon and what was required was the removal of the encroachments and the deepening of the canals, so as to make them serviceable to agriculturists for purposes of cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

75. Desirability of taking over by the P. W. D. of the nearly finished road from Punnamudu to Pallikal, or the construction of a new road from Bhagavathi Padikkal on the Mavelikara—Kayankulam road to join the Mavelikara—Kattanam road near the Bharanikkavu temple.

Mr. Geevarghese Kathanar Thomas (Member, Mavelikara taluk) submitted that the first road was only 4½ miles from the Travellers' Bungalow. As it was highly useful to agriculturists, seven-tenths of the whole distance was metalled by the people and three-tenths alone remained to be done. There were also four culverts to be constructed of which 3 would not cost more than Rs. 150 and the fourth Rs. 250. The Member also offered to take up the works on contract, if the money required could be given to him on security. If the Government were not disposed to carry out the suggestion, the alternative road proposed by him should be constructed.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

76. Desirability of converting the trace from Chengannur to Mavelikara, Mannar and Kozhencheri into a cart road.

Mr. P. Narayana Pillai (Member, Chengannur taluk) requested that the Chengannur—Kozhencheri road, 7 miles long, might be improved on the following considerations :—

(*a*) It was part of the Mavelikara-Sabarimala road.

(*b*) Kozhencheri was an important trading centre. Besides, the famous temple at Aranmula was close by.

(*c*) Travel by boat was impossible during rainy season on account of the dangerous Athimudu where human lives used to be lost every year ; and during the hot weather there would be no water for boats being taken.

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